

# Exhibit B



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Re: DOJ-2019-001020 (AG)  
VRB:DRH:ERH

Dear Mr. Geidner:

This is to acknowledge your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated and received in this Office on November 20, 2018, in which you requested "President Donald J. Trump's memorandum directing Matthew Whitaker to perform the duties and functions of the [O]ffice of [A]ttorney [G]eneral." This response is made on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General.

You have requested expedited processing of your request pursuant to the Department's standard involving "[a] matter of widespread and exceptional media interest in which there exist possible questions about the government's integrity which affect public confidence." See 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e)(1)(iv) (2017). Please be advised that your request for expedited processing under this standard has been granted. Accordingly, your request has been assigned to the expedited track, and will be processed as soon as practicable.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the processing of your request, you may contact the analyst handing your request, Eric Hotchkiss, by telephone at the above number or you may write to him at the above address. You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Douglas Hibbard, at the telephone number or address listed above to discuss any aspect of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V-R-B", followed by a horizontal line.

Vanessa R. Brinkmann  
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